with Price Anderson, it was \$10 million. It's now \$9.6 billion. And this is congressional funding for accidents. And they have paid out many millions of dollars, but nothing on a national project like this, which affects every city in the nation that has radionuclides going through it from the power plants.

And the other thing I want to bring up that is equally important is as to shipping of the rods in the canisters, which you do not have, and I just documented all that. And you do not have the rail beds for the weight and all this kind of stuff. We're talking 500,000 pounds.

We're also talking, of course, mainly is security. Now, I know the DOE or the government or whoever has been raising up bridges and this and that, but any truck, even if it was in a convoy, even with the telecommunications, the satellite communications and so forth, we're talking in particular Nevada, I used to say when your tire goes flat where do you go? And, of course, there was a hundred miles between drinks, you went to a bar or casino or a brothel. Now, that's not true anymore, so we have to change our terminology.

What is really interesting on these things is that FEMA, and I have taken every FEMA training

SALLY DEVLIN: Sally Devlin, Nye County, Pahrump, Nevada. First of all, may I say thank you for this scoping meeting. Your leader at the end of the NWTRB, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, meeting said you would never have public meetings, and I'm so glad somebody got on his case and changed his mind. It's wonderful.

Now, the reason that I'm here on the railroad is that for 13 years I have been on this Yucca Mountain project, and my field is transportation. And I got on it because the only railroad plan you had when I started was for the railroad to go from Jean, Sandy Valley through Pahrump on the Von Schmidt line and then through Ash Springs and up to Amargosa and up to the Test Site. Then you considered Carlin then Yermo, and then Caliente is the last one. So we we've been through

this.

I have learned to build railroads. I'm going to give you the documentation on how you build a railroad, all the new things that have to go into railroads, such as tunnel designing because of the Baltimore fire, which I have documented in my report.

The other thing is regarding barges. There are only Lake Michigan and Chicago would have to

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course they give on television, or what have you, and they give it to our firemen, there really is nothing because there is no medical facility either at the Test Site along the route or elsewhere in Nye County where it would be going.

There is a 12 bed hospital, which is private, in Tonopah. We, in two years, may get a 25 bed private hospital in Pahrump. But as far as any other medical facility, there are none, absolutely none anywhere in Nye County that you can honestly say is an emergency medical facility. And that's very important to know.

Now, not only isn't there medical but there really is no telecommunications. And I have asked the State the last two sessions of the legislature, and I've asked two very important senators and assemblymen to put in what is called a broadband bill. And what the broadband is is so that the entire state can communicate. No way. We failed and we're failing again.

And last but not least what I'll give you in the documentation is I have been working since 1995 to try to get a bounded survey map of Nye County, and particularly of Pahrump. And it's been a very long disastrous and fun project.

1 the west side.

So what goes on the east side, and I'm
bringing it up at this meeting particularly since
there are no boundary survey maps of any of the
counties that this waste is going to go through,
there is no bounded survey map of the Nevada Test
Site, and so all of this stuff that is going on has
to be attended to before anything can be done for
jurisdictional reasons.

The first document I'm going to give you is quite old, 6-19-03, from Jim Reid. And Jim Reid is the head of the transportation for the National Conference of Governors. And what this paper states is what all the different states charge per company annual fee, unless otherwise noted, and on this there are 27. But anyway, for example, Nevada charges 500 plus 150 per truck plus actual costs for investigation.

investigation.
Now, the laws in Nevada, and this is very
important to note, we have but one agency that's on
duty 24 hours a day, and that is our highway patrol.
And the distance between drinks is extremely long and
extremely hard and it's extremely sparsely populated,
and so the local sheriff has to handle any accident,
whether it's high level nuclear waste or just a plain

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And in the last few months, actually the last four to six months, I have every map that was ever done of Nevada from the original Von Schmidt line, which was done in 1872, which was the original boundary map. We didn't get the tip because we were Arizona then. Pahrump became part of Nevada in 1867. And then today, and I want to stress today, they are using the 1881 bounded survey map for the boundary of Clark County when they split from Lincoln County in 1881.

The State of Nevada did not have a boundary map and still doesn't. And the reason was two convicts refused to go to jail in this state, although they were convicted here, because we were a non-entity. We remain a non-entity.

And all of these maps have gone to the State because the survey, and I'm talking the Von Schmidt line and other lines, both from California archives and our archives are still being used, 1872. And when the State of California in the '70s decided that the state line at Lake Tahoe was the boundary, I was living in Reno. And, of course, it went to court and they had to resurvey the Von Schmidt line. And in 1977 on my maps the Von Schmidt line was the boundary line of the state of Nevada on the east side, I mean

Page 8 truck rollover, whatever. And then they wait for the

highway patrol, and sometimes many hours.

And the highway patrol comes, takes over the scene and then he does the report, which goes to the Department of Motor Vehicles. And then this man does a report, puts a dollar value on it, sends it up to the head of the department and then it comes back and it is processed and then a dollar amount is set.

That's why I told you about Price Anderson because if anything happened say in Elko, 9.6 million would not pay for the town of Elko, and it might go through there. Now, Ely, probably that might cover it, I don't know, but you're getting the picture of distances and so on.

So that's all that you have. Since we have no intra-telecommunication, and I'm talking broadband, and nobody is on the same frequency, no sheriff's department from one county can communicate with another county because they all have their little principality. And they get hundreds of thousands of dollars for their telecommunications but

they cannot communicate.

So anyway, it is a problem. So anyway, what happens in the state of Nevada is you buy a license, you fill it all out, you're going to put the waste on

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it and so on and you have all the axles, because it's 80,000 pounds that's legal. They're 500,000 pounds, and they have an accident, and I've seen the trucks, 3 and so they pay that and then \$150 per truck. Well, 4 as I told you, if there was an accident then the highway patrol would have to handle it and so on, so that it is a very serious situation, and that is 8 Nevada.

So there are no inspectors to check the trucks or the shipments. Over the years nothing has gone into burial or what have you at the Test Site has ever been checked. They have absolutely nothing checked. They believe every trucker and his bill of lading.

All right. Now, I'll just give you one more. In New Hampshire they charge \$5 a vehicle, 16 period. In Michigan they charge -- I'm sorry, Mississippi they charge 2500. So it's very 18 interesting because there is no continuity from state to state. And that must be brought up in 20 transportation studies. And this is from the 21 governors of the states. 22

Now, the next one, and part of this is old, here it is, the four different routes. That's how old this stuff is. So that's interesting. It is the

and the instrumentation. And remember what a mine is. When you go underground it's going to be 85, 90 2 3 degrees.

Now, this particular NRC form, this is what 4 the states charge to transport high level waste. And 5 there are no inspectors. And Reid came out to our meeting, and I met him after all these years, that 7 was the first intermodal travel. That's how I got 9 into all this.

And this is my report to NRC regarding that 10 1300, 1500 page report, and of course tunnel fires 11 and all that. And then I go into how I learned to 12 build a railroad, how I learned to build barges, how 13 I learned to build roads, and then I learned to build dirigibles, the Hindenbergs, so that's that one. 15 Those are two. 16

And then this is my report on the KTIs, key 17 technical issues, given to me by John Arthur, III. 18 And the first one is on the colloids, the second one 19 is on the volcano, and the third one is on the biosphere. That's where my funny picture comes in. 21

And so anyway I have a lot more 22 documentation. My concern with transportation is not 23 only costs four to five million per mile, the tunnel 24 costs and the science on the tunnel; the third thing 25

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old maps and so on. And of course we are talking intermodal transport.

Now, this is a report to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, May 27, 2003. And this is after one of my boyfriend's sent me all 1300, 1500 pages on the four transportation meetings. The first one was held in Rockville, Maryland, the second one in Las Vegas, the third one in Pahrump and the fourth one in Rockville, Illinois.

Now, the most important one of all of these was of course the one in Rockville, Maryland. And it was a 200 page review of the Baltimore tunnel fire, and I bring this up in particular because that fire went to 1400 degrees F. Fortunately it was an old tunnel, otherwise we would have had no Baltimore.

So the tests after the tunnel fire, they did a million dollar test. It was a total failure, in another tunnel. So they had to redesign the casks, they had to redesign everything, and it's still up in the air.

20 And the third thing I must bring up with the 21 tunnels and so on is that our five mile Yucca 22 Mountain mine is full of my bugs. It's full of mold, it's full of fungus, it's full of colloids and it's full of microbes. And they are just eating the metal Page 12

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is jurisdictional areas, since nothing is properly bounded and surveyed; and fourth, the health and safety, which really should be number one since there is no health and safety in any of the counties for 4 5 any type of disaster.

This one is to Kevin Rohrer from DOT, and it is a funny one, and it's an old one, and it's on intermodal travel. And I'd say it's about '98 when I was a member of the Nevada Risk Assessment Management Program, NRAMP, and we were out of the University of 10 Nevada. And we worked together for five years on the 11 water studies and transportation studies, the cancer 12 studies. I did the cancer study for the whole state, 13 and I've been doing them ever since and just about 14 15 everything.

We were the first investigators on the radionuclides and the water. And I have been studying water ever since. And I do want to say that water is -- crooked Nye County buys the water rights to get around the State not allowing you to have water, we have problems. And they're trying to buy 33,000 acre feet from the Test Site from the State. So we'll see what political implications that has with the dirty people.

And also everybody has the Margaret Chew

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thing. And I want to mention that because it's
coming up in the commissioners meeting tomorrow. So
that's that.

Also you have a copy of Jacob Paz's report.

And his report talks about the erondite and modendite and silicosis caused by the dust and the, what do you call them, dust radionuclides in the mine, which cause silicosis, which is what closed down Tonopah.

My main thing is health. And I'm sure they'll have to go through proper licensing and have many more public meetings.

And particularly this is delightful that you have a stenographer here that can take all this down.

And I expect a copy of my testimony from this scoping meeting, and you may send it to Sally Devlin, P.O.

Box 9266, Pahrump, Nevada 89060. And my phone number is (775)727-6853. And I will be looking forward to it. And any questions anybody has, I have thousands of pages of documentation on transportation going back to day one.

SHELDON BASS: First off I'm totally in favor of the railroad, okay, but I really would like to see it designated as a common carrier. I would like to see a spur run into Tonopah to the airport there which would revitalize Nye County. We got a 1 railroad either way, because what so many people

- 2 don't truly understand is irregardless of what the
- 3 State of Nevada says or does, or what anybody else
- 4 says or does, when it comes time to put that material
- 5 in that hole in the ground, whoever is president of
- the United States at the time just signs an order
 that says, Under the National Security Act of the
- 8 United States I hereby order this to happen, and it
- 9 happens and that's the end of the Supreme Court and

10 everything else. Nothing overrides it.

There's no other place to put it, that's not necessarily a good thing or a bad thing, but it is going to end up operational. But I truly believe that it should be designated from day one as a common carrier, and that the concept of secrecy of shipments is not going to be able to be maintained, it really isn't. You can't be shipping trainloads of stuff through non-secure areas and call it a secret.

19 I've been at a meeting last December over
20 this, and it was right after the withdrawal was made
21 from BLM on the National Register, and my question
22 was on the assumption the railroad is going to be
23 built how much more land are you really going to
24 need? The answer was between the rail bed and an
25 access service road running parallel probably no more

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huge grant. We're rebuilding that airport. It's going to be back on stream again. They have hired a management firm to manage it for us.

I'd like to see a spur into Goldfield. The old railroad station property is still there. I'd like to see a spur into Beatty. And they told me to put this in, I'd like to see a spur into Crystal up to Joe Richard's brothel. But really that spur should go on past it into Pahrump.

The reason for these spurs is it would greatly enhance the long-term goals of future development of the western part of Nye County. We could bring in building materials, fuel oil, just about anything you can think of, and tourists, bring a lot of tourists in. Bring them in by train, drop them at the airport, bring them in by train, drop them in Beatty. They can have tour buses out on down, go to Death Valley, go to Scotty's Castle. There's a tremendous amount of potential.

There's another thing, more commercial. On that train we could piggyback those great big 18-wheel trailers and we could start utilizing some of our newly zoned industrial land as distribution centers for all kinds of material.

So on the assumption we're going to get the

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than 50 feet. I said, How are you going to protect it? Oh, we don't put fences up along railroad tracks. So you're going to have what, 319 miles of unprotected railroad? This is a reality.

So if the common carriers had advanced notice of when the line would be open, we could utilize that line to bring in materials that we need.

That brings me to another thing. Who is going to run the railroad? What secure agency is going to be in charge of this baby? Certainly not Union Pacific old-timers, I hope. They haven't got a clue how to handle this material. They don't have proper security clearance. They certainly aren't going to be qualified to carry weapons, and very good weapons, in the public domain.

So these are serious questions that need to be answered, like how, why, when and where. Because it's like the mayor of Caliente is all over the news these days, I'm all for the railroad. It's going to probably give us a hundred new jobs here in Caliente. Well, who has he got that's qualified to handle this type of material and has got the security clearance? There's nobody living there.

See, once that material is moved onto the Test Site heading up the mountain, now the security

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increases. There's nobody working up there that
isn't well cleared, or we hope. But not down along
those railroad tracks, which you're already building,
by the way.

There is a third track being built coming out of L.A. County. And I stopped and looked at it in Palm Springs about five weeks ago. And what caught my eye was the fact that the webbing on the rails was about three times as thick and about four times as high, like they were going to go to a different type of wheel with greater grabbing. And all of the railroad ties were following along on flat cars that stretched for a couple of miles. And they were pre-stressed, pre-tension, high tension concrete ties with a very lovely mechanical attachment system.

I stopped. I found a guy who was a foreman, gave him one of my cards and says, You're getting ready to run this through me. Is this for those big, old, new, heavy trains? He says, Absolutely. They're building a third line down.

So it's coming. Anybody that says it's not, sorry, it's coming. It's going to be here. My personal position is we need to make the best of it we can for all of the people. That's where I'm at.

DALE SCHUTTE: I'm chairman of the

1 dual purpose. If they make the railroad just for the

DOE, that is going to be extremely harmful to the

3 communities of Amargosa Valley, Beatty, Goldfield and

4 Tonopah, and I'm not sure about the very north 5 portion of the county, but I think it would be bad

for them too.

Three of the towns, Beatty, Goldfield and Tonopah, historically depended on mining. It's kind of a boom and bust affair right now. The mining is pretty slow. But with the problems we're having with the oil and that driving the price of silver back up, we have a lot of mining development that will probably go on on the far side in that corridor.

There's some mines now that are. It's not just gold and silver. The extreme water shortage that we have in all of Southern Nevada, particularly Las Vegas, they're trying to eliminate some of your conventional landscaping, such as using lawns and such, and replacing that, a lot of people are, with just different type of rock and stuff. That's being mined. Beatty has a good portion of it.

If the railroad does not support commercial uses and it starts to hinder the operations that are going on, which are expanding, by the way, it will be a very severe financial handicap for Beatty, Amargosa

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Transportation Committee for the Nye County Federal

Impact Advisory Board. I'm also chairman of the
 Pahrump Town Nuclear Waste Environmental Review

4 Board, past chairman of the Nevada Test Site

5 Community Advisory Board, also a property owner here 6 in Pahrump, also in Beatty and Oasis Valley. This

railroad is going to be relatively close.

The comments that I got are based on a questionnaire that I developed and sent out to a lot of the stakeholders in Nye County. There's over a hundred patented mining claims that are directly impacted by this railroad. There's about 800 or so non-patented claims. There's ranches that are being split. There's some water areas that are on the backside of the rail route, some communications towers apparently back there also.

It's also a very good hunting area for big horn sheep and stuff like that. And of course it's a pretty good recreational area for a lot of us residents. We use it all the time.

The major things that I found out from the questionnaire that was sent out, which is now being used by Nye County Natural Resource and Federal Facilities Office with Les Bradshaw, they're using that questionnaire now, but the railroad has to be

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Valley, Goldfield and Tonopah.

The railroad needs to be dual use, and we need spurs in order to be able to use it by the communities, especially for the mining that's going on. Also for the railroad valley, the potential of shipping the oil by the rail line instead of truck.

There's more exploration going on already up there for oil. So we must have a dual use railroad. We need the spurs to support the communities that it's going through, otherwise a private line for the DOE is just a total negative stigma to the towns where it's going by.

There would be no benefit to us. It would actually harm us. It will harm our property values and it may cost some jobs and stuff from operations on the far side of that railroad right now and ones that will be there in the future as time goes on.

SALLY DEVLIN: Robin wanted me to add to my report. The first thing was regarding the department of defense sent 7,000 metric tons or 14,000 metric tons to the two repositories, and I have stated since the day I walked in the door you cannot put

the day I walked in the door you cannot put
 classified waste in my mountain. And little arrogant
 horrible DOE gave classified waste to DOD, and it is

25 still in all the reports as classified.

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this project or whether, as we believe, the Surface Transportation Board would be the more appropriate agency to conduct this scoping phase of the environmental impact statement. A second comment that we would make, and

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5 this is a procedural comment, is on the process that 6 the department is using for the conduct of these 7 scoping meetings. We believe the department has 8 erred in abandoning its traditional approach to 9 scoping, which has generally in the past involved 10 Department of Energy presentations explaining 11 essential background information to the effective 12 parties and then taking comments recorded by a court 13 14 reporter in a public session where all of the comments that are made can be heard by all of the 15 department representatives, all of the local 16 officials, all of the state agencies representatives 17

and the other members of the public that are present. We think there are two reasons why it would be advantageous to DOE in the interest of carrying out this responsibility for the EIS to have used what has been the traditional approach to scoping.

The first is quite simply that that method that has been used in the past has been accepted by the participants as an example of DOE's openness and

And I want to formally state you cannot have classified waste in my mountain. And who knows what you're going to put it in. Who knows what is there and so on. The only thing we do know is there's a centi metric ton of spent nuclear fuel from submarines. The rest is a major question mark. And I wouldn't trust the Department of Defense or the DOE to handle classified waste anywhere at any hour of the day.

The other thing she asked me to say in the report was regarding, and I do talk about terrorism and sabotage. And in one of my reports if you could lift a 36 pound bazooka in a hole in a dirt road and shoot a canister, you can do major damage, and radionuclides would escape and so on.

The problem is, and that is safety, and our fear of sabotage and terrorism. And what is the plan, because I know that my boyfriend said they don't have marshals on the transports anymore. And there's next to no protestors, but you never know about terrorists or sabotage. We get into serious health issues.

BOB HALSTEAD: I'm transportation advisor 23 for the Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects. My 24 mailing address is

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willingness to hear a variety of opinions. And 1 whatever the reasons, and there certainly are some 2

reasons, like facilitating the taking of statements 3 from people who have schedule conflicts, for example, 4

whatever the potential benefits of this process we 5 feel they're outweighed by the fact that they create 6

a perception that the department has abandoned a 7 process that they've used well in the past. And it 8

raises questions about whether the department is doing this for some less than noble motive, such as 10 to limit or influence the types of comments that are 11

12 made. The second point we would raise in this 13 regard is that our experience in scoping is that the 14 purpose, one of the key purposes of scoping is to 15 obtain information on unique local conditions from 16 local residences, and that the process of getting 17 high quality information from people who are not

18 necessarily experienced and/or comfortable providing 19 hearing testimony is that it is often useful in an

20 iterative setting to have people have an opportunity 21

to give a timed statement of two, three or five 22 minutes than sit down and hear statements that are 23

made by their neighbors, and then in the course of 24 hearing their neighbors' statements they then often 25

My telephone number My Carson City office telephone number is

I'm speaking today for the State of Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects. We're giving introductory comments tonight. We plan to give comments additionally at the meetings in Goldfield and Caliente and Reno and Las Vegas. And of course we will also be filing written comments at the end of the comment period.

First comment we'd like to make tonight is that we feel that the Department of Energy is not the appropriate agency under federal statutes to be conducting scoping phase for this environmental impact statement. We believe that the department has erred in assigning to itself lead agency status for such a large transportation project.

It appears that the department has preempted the authority of the Surface Transportation Board. 19 And the State of Nevada in an April 22nd, 2004 letter 20 from Nevada Attorney General Brian Sandoval to the 21 Chairman of the U.S. Council on Environmental Quality, James L. Connaughton, the State has asked the CEQ to investigate whether or not the CEQ's view is that the department can be its own lead agency for 25